



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005 AT 2:00 PM

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COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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- June 23, 2005

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- 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENTS**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE VARIOUS GRADE SEPARATION PROJECTS AT CONGESTED INTERSECTIONS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BROWARD AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS TO CREATE THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (*Sponsored by MPO Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez*)
3. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: KENDALL TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS**
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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairman Joe A. Martinez called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The following members were present at the meeting:

Ruben D. Almaguer	Raul L. Martinez
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dorrin D. Rolle
Kevin A. Burns	Darryl K. Sharpton
Carlos A. Gimenez	Katy Sorenson
Perla T. Hantman	Javier D. Souto
Sally A. Heyman	Richard L. Steinberg
	Johnny L. Winton

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Carlos F. Bonzon, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant County Manager; Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat; and Robert A. Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Martinez informed the Board that this was MPO Board Member R. Martinez last meeting as the representative from the City of Hialeah. Members of the MPO Board thanked Mayor Raul L. Martinez for his years of dedicated service to the Miami-Dade County community.

Chairman Martinez welcomed the new MPO Board Member Richard L. Steinberg, Commissioner, as the City of Miami Beach representative to the MPO Governing Board.

Mr. Mesa requested that the agenda be amended to add item 4.B.9 Port Tunnel Study for Board's action.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Board Member Hantman seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the June 23, 2005 minutes. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

a. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, informed the Board of CTAC activities. He stated that CTAC received several updates from Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) staff. He stated these updates included presentations on the Metrorail Vehicle Rehabilitation Project, North Corridor locally preferred alternative alignment adjustment, MDT immediate action plan to enhance transit services, the designated areas for bicyclists and disabled as well as ADA access to bus shelters. He then stated that a presentation on the NW 97th Avenue Flyover was provided. He concluded by reading into the record the resolutions CTAC passed at its last meeting.

Board Member Almaguer appointed Mr. Mario Rojas to CTAC.
Board Member Burns appointed Barbara Walters to CTAC.

b. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Ms. Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update of TARC activities. She informed the Board that TARC reviewed and passed a resolution in support of the Perrine Community Urban Center (CUC) Ordinance. She then stated that TARC provided suggestions to the Earlington Heights-Miami Intermodal Center Metrorail Extension Project. Ms. Bowen stated that the forms and aesthetics of the vertical piers, guideways, and bridges of the Earlington Heights Extension should go beyond the standard elements of previous lines and be treated as the highly visible and important structures that they are. She further stated that TARC participated in a Drainage Workshop with FDOT, Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), the Florida Engineering Society, and private sector drainage engineers to explore whether there might be flexibility in drainage designs to allow more planting in water retention areas of roads and highways. She then provided the Board with a list of suggestions from this workshop. Ms. Bowen concluded her presentation by providing the Board with the resolutions passed by TARC. *(A Copy of TARC resolutions is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Burns appointed Anne Montgomery to TARC.

c. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, provided the Board with an update on BPAC activities. He stated that BPAC saw a presentation from FDOT on the Krome Avenue Preliminary Design and Environmental Study for Krome Avenue. He further stated that BPAC passed a resolution supporting the inclusion of bike facilities in the final design. He then stated that BPAC saw a presentation on MDT's Metrorail Vehicle Rehabilitation Project and commended MDT for providing additional space for bicycles to be safely transported on Metrorail. He concluded by informing the Board that BPAC reviewed the Snake Creek Greenway Master Plan and believed it to be an important project for the City of Miami Gardens area.

Board Member Burns appointed Carol Preger to BPAC.

Board Member Souto expressed concern about the safety of cycling in Miami-Dade County. He clarified by asking the MPO Board for suggestions to address the safety issues of cycling in the County.

Board Member Gimenez stated that cyclists must feel safe when using the facilities provided. He further stated that the bike paths should be placed in areas where people want to go. He further clarified by saying the bike path under Metrorail should continue to Downtown Miami. He concluded by stating that incentives should be given to employers for providing facilities like showers and lockers to accommodate employees who may cycle to work.

Board Member Heyman stated that bike paths should be considered as a separate enhancement category in order to provide a greater opportunity for them to receive funding especially when competing against roadway improvements.

Board member Hantman thanked Brian Hannigan and David Henderson for their enthusiasm and dedication to the event, "Walk Our Children to School Day". She concluded by stating this event was a great success.

Board Member R. Martinez expressed concern with the lack of cyclists that use the bike facilities that are currently in place. He concluded by stating the trick is to find out where to place the resources in order to maximize usage of the facilities.

Mr. Mesa stated that staff would provide the Board with a report on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program at a future meeting.

d. FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FTAC)

Ms. Sylvia Bernstein, FTAC Chair, provided the Board with a brief update on the FTAC activities. She informed the Board that FTAC held three meetings thus far and has adopted a mission statement to promote and advance meeting the transportation needs of freight and goods movement throughout Miami-Dade County. She further stated that FTAC was

provided a presentation on the Truck Traffic Management Study. She concluded by reading the resolutions passed by FTAC at its last meeting.

Board Member Burns appointed Doug Tanner to FTAC.
Board Member Souto appointed Felipe Muñoz to FTAC.

e. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Executive Director, and Margaret Pulles, MDX Marketing Director, provided the Board with a brief update on the projects included in the MDX Status Reports, in addition to marketing efforts by MDX. (*A copy of these reports is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO ADD FUNDING TO PERFORM A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE SW 112 AVENUE BRIDGE OVER WESTWOOD LAKES CANAL

Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

2. FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE MIAMI-DADE SEAPORT SECTION OF THE FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing. Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Sharpton moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Barreiro seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE VARIOUS GRADE

*SEPARATION PROJECTS AT CONGESTED INTERSECTIONS IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY*

Chairman Martinez opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Wendy Stephan, citizen, expressed concern with the proposed development and the impact it will have on the local traffic congestion in the NW 36th Street Corridor. She further stated that the scheduled work by FDOT for the subject area will not adequately address the problem. She concluded by requesting that the NW 36th Street corridor be considered as part of the Grade Separation Projects.

Chairman Martinez closed the public hearing.

Board Member Winton stated that the FDOT project for NW 36th Street was already underway. He then clarified by stating that the residents would like the MPO to study the NW 36th Street Corridor. He concluded by moving a resolution directing the MPO staff to identify funding to conduct an in depth evaluation of NW 36th Street at intersections between Biscayne Boulevard and Miami Avenue. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Member Hantman requested that coordination with the School Board be maintained throughout the process in order to minimize any negative impacts to the schools in the proposed area.

Dr. Bonzon stated that the purpose of the proposed amendments was to list the intersections in the TIP for them to be eligible for funding. He further stated that Preliminary Design and Engineering (PD&E) still needs to be conducted in order to study the impact these projects would have on the surrounding communities. He concluded by stating that staff will continue to coordinate with the School Board throughout the process.

After further discussion, Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

B. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

**1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: COMMUNITY
CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(MPO) AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
METROPOLITAN CENTER TO CONDUCT THE COMMUNITY
CHARACTERISTICS PROJECT*

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (SEFTC)

RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BROWARD AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS TO CREATE THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Board Member Sorenson requested clarity on the difference between the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Mr. Mesa stated that the proposed interlocal agreement is an effort to demonstrate that the three MPOs are collaborating. He further stated that this Council would be responsible for approving a Regional Transportation Plan. He concluded by stating that this is also the Council that the RTA would approach regarding its projects.

Board Member Gimenez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

3. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: KENDALL TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ALLOWING EXPENDITURE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS TO CONDUCT THE KENDALL TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Board Member Sorenson requested for staff coordinate with the all other studies conducted on the Kendall area to provide uniformity.

Board Member Winton moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FIRM OF EDWARDS AND KELCEY TO CONDUCT THE KENDALL TRANSIT CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

MPO Board Member Sharpton requested information on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms used by the firm Edwards and Kelcey. He further requested that staff provide a report

on a periodic basis regarding the level of participation of DBE firms used by the MPO.

Board Member Rolle stated that he had not received similar information that he requested from the MDX at a previous MPO meeting.

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

5. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PRIORITIES

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL PROJECT RANKINGS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

6. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

7. MPO PROGRAM PRIORITY LISTING

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL LISTING OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) PROGRAM PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

Board Member Heyman requested that the cities of Surfside, Sunny Isles Beach, Indian Creek, and Bal Harbour be listed as applicants for the improvements at Harding Avenue and 96th Street project.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Gimenez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

8. MPOAC LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES FOR FY 05/06

RESOLUTION APPROVING \$500 TO BE PROVIDED TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADVISORY

COMMITTEE (MPOAC) FOR THEIR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

ADD-ON 9. PORT TUNNEL STUDY

Chairman Martinez informed the Board that the distributed resolution was as a result of the MPO workshop held on October 21, 2005 at the Port of Miami. He further stated that Vice-Chairman Moss requested that this resolution be presented to the Board for approval. He concluded by moving for approval of the distributed resolution. *(A copy of the distributed resolution is available at the MPO Secretariat).* Board Member Winton seconded the motion with an amendment. After much discussion, the MPO Board approved the amended resolution, which directs the MPO staff to develop a plan to fund the unfunded portion of the Port of Miami Tunnel, to identify additional improvements to help the access needs of the Port, including rail access and other access improvements; and to commission an independent, objective study funded by MPO funds for studies, on the viability and cost of rail access from the City of Miami to the Port of Miami, either via surface or tunnel. *(For a copy of the final resolution, contact the MPO Secretariat).*

5. REPORTS

a. MPO BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Board Member Gimenez provided the Board with a brief update of the MPO Subcommittee activities. He concluded by making a motion to include MPO Board Member Burns in the MPO Subcommittee membership. The motion was seconded by Board Member Winton and approved unanimously.

b. MPO BOARD MEMBERS

1. Request by MPO Board Member Barbara M. Carey-Shuler: Maintenance along the right-of-way along I-95

Ms. Hattie Willis, President of Communities United, presented the Board with documentation of FDOT maintenance of the community garden located at I-95 and NW 54th Street and surrounding swales from NW 103rd Street to NW 36th Street. *(A copy of this documentation is available with the MPO Secretariat).*

After further discussion, the MPO Board requested that FDOT coordinate with Ms. Hattie Willis to clean-up the area along I-95 from NW 36th Street to 79th Street and provide the Board with a status report.

c. COUNTY MANAGER

1. South Miami-Dade (South Link) Transportation Study

Chairman Martinez requested that this item be brought back as an action item.

2. Waterborne Transit Services Study

This item was deferred.

d. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Existing MPO/Miami-Dade Board of County Commission (BCC) Interlocal Agreement for the management of the MPO Process

This item was deferred.

e. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (District VI)

1. Growth Management Legislation and New Transportation Funding Programs

This item was deferred.

2. Presentation on the I-95 Ramp Metering Project

This item was deferred.

f. MPO SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Annual newsletter Citizens Comments

No discussion on this item.

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.